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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Shinji FURUSHO) Atty. Docket No.: KUBOTA 0006
Serial No. 10/048,231)
Filed: January 28, 2002) Group Art Unit:
For: TABLE FORMAT DATA PRESENT-)
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

This is an Information Disclosure Statement with regard to the above-identified application. Copies of each of the documents listed in the attached Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B are attached.

Document A relates to a method of searching for, tabulating, sorting and joining table-format data (the linear filter method). Document B relates to a method of joining table-format data which has a specific data format. It is believed that the relevance of Documents A and B is clear from the discussions at pages 4, 17 and 43 of the present specification.

Also attached is a copy of the Search Report issued on August 29, 2000 in the corresponding international application. Since Documents C, D and E cited herein were cited in said Search Report, it is believed that the relevance of those documents is clear from the Search Report. Accordingly, no further comment in regard to the disclosures of these documents is

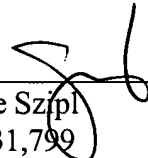
believed to be required.

It is respectfully requested that the attached documents be considered and officially cited, and that a copy of the Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B, initialed by the Examiner to indicate that the documents have been considered, be returned to the applicant.

It is believed that the present Information Disclosure Statement complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-8, but if a fee should be required, authorization is hereby given to deduct from Deposit Account No. 50-1281.

Respectfully submitted,

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